IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 13, line 5 as follows:

In addition to sales or other data forecasting, numerous other operations may be performed on the data in data storage 16 and data associated with particular members may be accessed for a variety of reasons. In many such cases, a user may desire or be required to select a subset of the members of a hierarchical dimension for use in a particular process (such as viewing planning data or allocating particular data). As described above, the dimensions (such as dimensions 50 and 70) reflect actual structures in the organization. In many types of businesses, these structures can frequently change. When members of a hierarchical dimension are added or deleted, have their position in a hierarchy changed, or have other characteristics changed on a frequent basis, a "hard coded" set of members used to perform a particular business process or function may quickly become out of date and have to be recreated. This process is time-consuming and inefficient are hampers and hampers the planning or other functions of a business.